

REMARKS

The Office Action dated March 25, 2005, has been noted and its contents carefully studied.

In light of the following comments and foregoing amendments, reconsideration of the Rejection under 35 USC §102 and/or §103 is courteously requested.

Initially, the Examiner's objection to the title of the invention as being not descriptive has been noted and a new title has been provided which is believed to be descriptive of the invention. More specifically, the new title is now "Cooking Device with Luminous Display."

Acknowledgement of the claim for priority has been noted. Applicant is attending to obtaining a certified copy of the priority document for filing.

In this regard, it is noted that the invention in its broadest aspect is directed to a cooking device, which includes a housing with a cooking chamber arranged in the housing. A door on the housing is provided for closing the cooking chamber. There is at least one control and display panel with an optical luminous display which can display the different operating modes of the cooking chamber and the on and/or off modes of the cooking chamber.

In this regard, it is noted that it displays both operating modes and the on and/or off status of the cooking chamber. The modes of the cooking chamber are described in the specification, particularly at the first paragraph of page 2 thereof as being to show, for example, whether the cooking chamber is in the heating up phase, the cooling phase or in the self-cleaning phase.

Yet still further, new independent claim 24 provides that the display panel includes an optical luminous display

configured for displaying each operating mode of the cooking chamber, including at least the current operating mode, residual heat present in the chamber, as well as the on and/or off modes of the cooking chamber. Support for this feature is found on page 5 at the bottom of the first full paragraph thereof.

It is respectfully urged that the invention as claimed when properly interpreted in light of the specification, is not anticipated or obvious under 35 USC §102 and/or §103 from the cited references, as will become more clearly evident from the following detailed discussion of the references presented herein for the Examiner's kind consideration.

UK Patent Application GB 2 323 436 to Redelsperger et al.

UK Patent Application GB 2 323 436 to Redelsperger et al. (hereinafter "Redelsperger") discloses a panel for controlling the operation of an electric oven having a plurality of operating modes in which the user's choice of a cooking temperature automatically determines the cooking mode via a control member. More specifically, the user is allowed to select a temperature, which then determines the cooking mode through a control member associated with the oven. As selections are made, portions of the display are shut off. The screen on the device includes a plurality of zones, but not all zones are displayed simultaneously while the oven is in use, with only those zones that are necessary for adjustment or information purposes appearing.

As such, it is respectfully urged that Redelsperger fails to teach the cooking device of claim 13 which displays the different operating modes of the cooking chamber and the on and/or off modes of the cooking chamber. As already noted,

modes are properly defined in the specification and should be afforded the meaning of the specification in interpreting claim 13. If such an interpretation is given, the features of claim 13 and the remaining dependent claims are not anticipated by or obvious from Redelsperger.

Finally, with respect to claim 24, the display panel is defined as comprising an optical luminous display configured for displaying each operating mode of the cooking chamber, including at least current operating mode, residual heat present in the chamber, and with the on and/or off modes of the cooking chamber.

European Patent No. 0 156 717 to Gelineau et al.

European Patent No. 0 156 717 to Gelineau et al. (hereinafter "Gelineau") includes a control panel for a cooking device which includes a display 3 made up of translucent luminous sectors. The translucent luminous sectors of the display 3 are used to display the temperature of the cooking device when in operation (see page 3, lines 7-10).

As such, Gelineau fails to teach or suggest Applicant's claimed invention. More specifically, again as in the case with Redelsperger, there is no teaching or suggestion of providing a display which displays the different operating modes of the cooking chamber and the on and/or off modes of the cooking chamber. Yet still further, the temperature displayed by Gelineau is the operating temperature and fails to teach or suggest the features of, for example, claim 24 where one of the modes displayed is the residual heat present in the chamber.

Thus, for the foregoing reasons, Gelineau standing alone or in combination with the afore-discussed Redelsperger

reference fails to anticipate or render obvious under 35 USC §102 and/or §103 Applicant's claimed invention.

U.S. Patent No. 3,946,364 to Codomo et al.

U.S. Patent No. 3,946,364 to Codomo et al. (hereinafter "Codomo") teaches a method and apparatus for automatically sensing, displaying and recording one or more over-temperature events exhibited by a jet engine. Codomo provides an electronically energized solid state graphical display of a jet engine over-temperature condition in which the graphical information is presented in a format which instantaneously informs the operator of the temperature versus time severity of the event.

It is respectfully urged that the teachings of Codomo are not relevant to those of the cited references, nor to that of the claimed invention inasmuch as exceeding of temperature conditions in a jet engine has nothing to do with displaying modes of operation of a cooking appliance. As such, it is respectfully urged that the claimed invention to which Codomo has been applied in combination with the other references is not obvious from the combination of references.

As such, it is respectfully urged that the invention as recited in all of previously presented Claims 13-23, and including new independent claim 24, is not anticipated by or made obvious from the cited references as is clearly evident from the previous detailed discussion which has been presented herein.

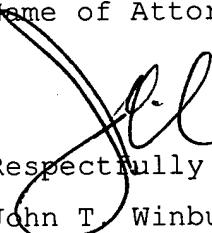
Please note, the enclosed Supplemental Application Data Sheet has been corrected to provide additional attorney contacts and to update art unit.

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If the Examiner has any questions or further objections regarding the claims, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

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